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Mr. WEEMS took the floor but yielded for the moment, to,

Mr. RANDALL, who referred to an order which he had offered heretofore. It was his object, he said, to elect through districts, and that could only be accomplished by successfully carrying out the motion of the gentleman from Frederick, (Mr. THOMAS.) He (Mr. R.) submitted to the Convention that this mode of electing delegates was more truly in accordance with the plan and the spirit of representation gentlemen, than an election by the consolidated vote of the counties. It accorded also with the plan adopted by Congress for the election of Representatives to that body.

Mr. WEEMS said, it was not his object to oppose the procurement of this information. But it struck him that it was altogether impracticable to give a correct district line upon the map which was in progress. He believed also, that it was altogether impracticable to obtain another item of the information sought for—namely, the population of the several election districts in the respective counties, without incurring a very large expense.

Mr. THOMAS said, that since his return to Annapolis, the Clerk had suggested the difficulty of executing the order in the particular to which the gentleman (Mr. WEEMS) had referred. He (Mr. T.) had been under the impression, until otherwise informed, that in the Executive Department of the Government, would be found returns of the population in each of the election districts, but he had been told that the Marshal in taking the census for Maryland, had sometimes disregarded the boundaries of election districts, and that, therefore, definite information could not be had.

He (Mr. T.) had suggested a remedy for this difficulty which it seemed to him, would be satisfactory. The Secretary had sent a circular to the several Clerks of the County Courts asking them to report the aggregate vote in the election districts at the recent election for Governor. Although, upon this information, we could not have a precise account of the inhabitants of the several districts, we could approximate sufficiently near to it for any purposes which the Convention might desire to accomplish.

Mr. WEEMS. All I intended to say was, that I considered it impracticable to obtain the population of the election districts in the county from the returns of the census—that there was no data upon which that population could be ascertained. I withdraw the motion to reconsider.

So the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. McHENRY. With great diffidence and some misgiving, I offer the following order:

Ordered, That the debate on the article of the constitution, reported by the committee on the elective franchise, shall terminate in committee of the whole on Wednesday the 22d inst., at two o'clock, P. M., when each amendment pending, or which may be offered shall be passed upon, without any further discussion than explanatory

remarks, not extending beyond five minutes, by the several proposers of such amendments.

The resolution having been read—

Mr. McHENRY said, he desired to make one remark.

Some conversation followed between Messrs. RANDALL and McHENRY, when the latter gentleman, on a suggestion to that effect made by Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, and in which Mr. McHENRY acquiesced, the consideration of the order was postponed until to-morrow.

THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

On motion of Mr. PHELPS, the Convention resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. BLAKISTONE in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the Elective Franchise.

Mr. KILGOUR was entitled to the floor, having on Saturday indicated his intention to offer an amendment of which he had given notice.

Mr. SOLLERS stated that Mr. KILGOUR was confined to his room by indisposition.

Mr. TUCK then took the floor. He had done so, he said, for the purpose of submitting a motion which would be the means, he thought, of saving much time. He had reflected upon it a good deal. It was that the committee rise and report the bill under consideration to the Convention, together with all such amendments as had been adopted. And he would state briefly his views for this course of proceeding. It was very well known that if the committee sat a month longer on this bill, all these clauses would have to come up again in Convention. Until a day or two ago, a call for the yeas and nays in committee had been in order. Gentlemen could have the same latitude in Convention that they had in committee. He took it for granted that gentlemen would not travel beyond the legitimate range of debate in Convention any more than in committee, and he was free to say that, as yet, he had heard nothing that was very wide of the legitimate mark.

Mr. T. further enforced the propriety of his motion, showing that double votes would be saved, and much time in other respects saved; and concluded by moving that the Committee rise.

But Mr. T. withdrew the motion on a suggestion by Mr. McHENRY, that he (Mr. McH.) had waived his resolution, because the Chairman of the Committee on Elections was not present, and that reason applied still more forcibly to the present proposition than to the other.

So the motion was withdrawn.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

The question was now stated to be on the amendment heretofore offered by Mr. RICAUD to the amendment of Mr. JENIFER, which last named amendment provides for a registration of the names of voters within the State, &c.

The amendment of Mr. RICAUD was as follows, (Mr. JENIFER having accepted the first part of the amendment as a modification of his own. Add the following words to the end of the amendment: